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**PLACE ACQUIRED****THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION****Food in the Rumanian Air Force**

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1. In general, living conditions for members of the Rumanian Air Force were better than those for the ground forces or the navy, particularly regarding food and pay. Members of the Rumanian Air Force received a certain number of calories in their daily rations, depending on their job. The four categories of rations were as follows:
  - a. Daily rations amounting to 6,500 calories were given to all personnel who flew jet aircraft, both officers and EM.
  - b. Daily rations amounting to 4,500 calories were given to all personnel, officers and EM, who flew reciprocating-engine aircraft and to all technicians, officers and NCOs, connected with jet aviation (aviatia reactiva) but who were not on flying status.
  - c. Daily rations amounting to 3,500 calories were given to all technical personnel, officers and NCOs, not on flying status but those who worked with reciprocating-engine aircraft.
  - d. Daily rations amounting to 3,200 calories were given to all ground personnel, officers, NCOs, and EM, in administration or in positions not included in any of the other three categories.

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Diet of 4,500 Calories

3. [redacted] The following is a description of the food [redacted] in this diet:

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Breakfast at 0700 hours: Coffee with milk or tea with sugar; bread with butter and marmalade.

Morning snack (gustare) at 1000 hours: Two eggs or a stew with potatoes, macaroni with milk or cheese, and rye bread.

Lunch (pranz) from 1300 to 1400 hours: Soup (macaroni, noodle, or vegetable), stew, pilaw, casserole meat and rice dish, or borsch with cream; cake or pie or "lapte de pasare" (milk with eggs).

Supper (cina) at 1800 hours: Stew or steaks with sauce, bread, and butter.

4. Supper was served in the unit mess hall (popota) only if the unit had an evening program. On free evenings, all personnel entitled to this type rations received packages of food which could be taken out; these packages usually contained steaks. The above meals were changed often to provide variation. Rations for the 4,500-calorie diet consisted of the following:
- a.  $\frac{1}{2}$  kg. meat daily.
  - b. 800 g. of bread daily.
  - c. 40 g. of butter daily.
  - d.  $\frac{1}{2}$  egg daily.
  - e. 40 g. of marmalade daily.
  - f. 250 g. ( $\frac{1}{4}$  lit.) milk daily.
5. Up to January 1955, personnel who did not eat at the mess hall, such as married personnel, received food to take home. This was very fortunate because food was a great problem for civilians. However, in January 1955, Rumanian Air Force Headquarters (CEAM) ordered that all personnel must eat in their respective mess halls; each month, they were issued their rations for Sundays and holidays when they did not have to come to their unit. From time to time, a sum of 30 lei was given by each man to buy better food (inbunatatire), such as better flour or more cakes or sugar, but this was not a set rule.

Diet of 3,500 Calories

6. [redacted] per-  
sonnel receiving this type food had four meals daily with smaller amounts of rations. They received 250 to 350 g. of meat daily, 600 g. of bread, etc. The same kitchen [redacted] was used for the 4,500 and 3,500-calorie diets. Personnel who received the 3,500-calorie diet could occasionally raise their calories to 4,500 by paying extra for more food.

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Diet of 3,200 Calories:

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[redacted] meat, sugar, and milk rations were smaller; [redacted] never [redacted] members of the Rumanian Air Force eat corn meal mush (mamaliga) at any time as did members of the Rumanian ground forces, who received it twice a week, on Wednesdays and Fridays.

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Recuperation Center at Predeal:

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The Rumanian Air Force maintained three houses at Predeal (N 45-30, E 25-33) as recuperation centers for pilots and navigators. Two houses were used as dormitories with two to four men in one room; the third house contained dining halls and a kitchen. The third house also contained the office of the recuperation center's commanding officer who was a physician.

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[redacted] the commanding officer was Major Cosieru (fnu). Any officer on flying status could spend his regular leave or convalescent leave at this center.

9.

[redacted] the food at Predeal was a combination of rations from the 6,500 and the 4,500-calorie-diets.

[redacted] typical menu:

Breakfast at 0800 hours:

Tea with sugar, bread, butter, jam, macaroni with sugar, and rice pudding.

Dinner at 1300 hours:

Soup or borsch with cream; chicken or steaks with mashed or fried potatoes, or casserole meat and rice; rice pudding with milk, cake, and fruit cocktail or fresh fruit.

Supper at 2000 hours:

Steaks, pudding, and dessert (cake, pie, or fruit).

10.

[redacted] the month of October 1954 at this center [redacted] only officer pilots and navigators there; [redacted] no flying personnel who were NCOs or EM and did not know whether or not the Rumanian Air Force had any recuperation centers for NCOs or EM on flying status.

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Rank and Pay in the Rumanian Air Force:

11. The following is a breakdown of the pay received by EM and officers where known:

a. Enlisted MenRankTime in Grade

(1) private (soldat)

Three months

(2) private first-class  
(soldat-fruntas)

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(3) corporal (caporal)

Unknown.

(4) sergeant (sergent)

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(5) sergeant (sergent-major)

Unknown.

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(6) master sergeant  
(plutonier) Unknown

b. Officers

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Time in Grade</u>	<u>Base Pay</u>
(1) second lieutenant (sublocotenent)	two years	580 lei
(2) first lieutenant (locotenent)	three years	640 lei
(3) senior first lieutenant (locotenent major)	three years	690 lei
(4) captain (capitain)	four years	740 to 760 lei
(5) major (maior)	four years	Unknown
(6) lieutenant-colonel (locotenent-colonel)	Unknown	Unknown
(7) colonel (colonel)	Unknown	Unknown
(8) brigadier general (general-maior)	Unknown	Unknown
(9) major general (general-locotenent)	Unknown	Unknown
(10) lieutenant general (general-colonel)	Unknown	Unknown
(11) general (general de armata)	Unknown	Unknown

12. Promotions in the Rumanian Air Force were also given without the completion of time in grade; however, this depended much on each individual case. As an example, Major (Maior) Gancioveanu (fnu) was promoted on 1 May 1952 from second lieutenant (sublocotenent) directly to senior first lieutenant (locotenent maior). [redacted] Gancioveanu to be a very good officer and an outstanding pilot [redacted] this officer was assigned to the Military Academy in Bucharest.

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13. Pay in the Rumanian Air Force was calculated on a scale to match an individual's skill level or training. [redacted]

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a. Navigators - Officers who had just graduated from navigator schools and who had not been licensed; these were included in Pay Category 26 and received the following pay:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Basic Pay per Month</u>	<u>Flight Pay/Normal Weather Conditions</u>	<u>Flight Pay/Bad Weather Conditions</u>
(1) second lieutenant (sublocotenent)	600 lei	10 lei	30 lei

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Rank	Basic Pay per Month	Flight Pay/Normal Weather Conditions	Flight Pay/ Bad Weather Conditions
(2) first lieutenant (locotenent)	640 lei	10 lei	30 lei

After the completion of training at their units and after being licensed (brevetati) by a commission from Rumanian Air Force Headquarters (CFAM), these officers entered Pay Category (categoria) 28 and received:

Rank	Basic Pay per Month	Flight Pay/Normal Weather Conditions	Flight Pay/ Bad Weather Conditions
(1) first lieutenant (locotenent)	705 lei	10 lei	30 lei
(2) senior first lieutenant (locotenent major)	750 lei	10 lei	30 lei

When a first lieutenant (locotenent), senior first lieutenant (locotenent major), or captain (captitan) performed the duties of a squadron navigator, he was included in Pay Category 34 and received a base pay of 930 lei per month and the flight pay in Pay Category 26 and 28.

#### b. Pilots

- (1) A first lieutenant who had just completed flying school, fell into Pay Category 28. He received 640 lei per month and flight pay at the rate of 20 lei per hour in normal weather conditions and 60 lei per hour under bad weather conditions.
- (2) A first lieutenant with the duties of a pilot major fell into Pay Category 30 and received 705 lei a month plus the same flight pay as that in Pay Category 28.
- (3) A first lieutenant-pilot with the duties of a patrol leader was placed in Pay Category 33 and received 800 lei per month.
- (4) A senior first lieutenant with the duties of pilot major fell into Pay Category 30 and received 750 lei per month.
- (5) A senior first lieutenant with the duties of a patrol leader fell into Pay Category 33 and received 850 lei per month.
- (6) A captain with the duties of a patrol leader fell into Pay Category 33 and received 900 lei per month.
- (7) A captain with the duties of a squadron leader fell into Pay Category 36 and received 1,050 lei per month.

The assistant squadron flight leader, regardless of rank, was in Pay Category 34 and received 930 lei per month. Every pilot, regardless of rank or duty, received the same flight pay given in Pay Category 28. When pilots had alert duty (serviciu de alarma), they were paid 2.50 lei per hour. At Escadrila 347 Hidroaviatie, alert duty was held for 10 hours daily.

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Pilots had this duty five to seven days each month but this was dependent on the number of pilots available in the unit at the time of the alerts. [ ] all pilots except a squadron leader with rank or captain (Pay Category 36) were required to pull alert duty.

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14. Every officer in the Rumanian Air Force received a pay increase of five percent after his first two years of commissioned service. Increases in pay were given to officers after a certain period of time-in-grade [ ]

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15. All members of the Rumanian Air Force, regardless of rank, were taxed. On a gross income (base pay and flight pay) and with allowances up to 1,000 lei, 10 percent of the gross salary was required; over 1,000 lei, 16 percent was required. Thus, as an example, the pay [ ] received and the amount of taxes paid [ ] are as follows:

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Base Pay	730 lei (Pay Category 30)
Alert duty (10 hours)	175 lei
Flight pay (normal as well as bad weather conditions)	<u>695</u> lei
Total	1,600 lei
Taxes (16%)	<u>256</u> lei
Amount of pay received	1,344 lei

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but [ ] no details on the pay received by NCOs (subofiteri) they received good pay and [ ] because of their long period in the service, many received better pay than the officers. Like the officers, the pay of EM varied from Pay Categories 1 to 5, according to specialty. Thus, a private (soldat fruntas) who was a radio specialist could be in Pay Category 5 and receive the pay of a master sergeant (platonier).

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18.

Rumanian Air Force units with reciprocating-engine aircraft paid their mechanics (EM) 10 lei for each landing. This money was paid on the 21st of each month, provided that the mechanic had 30 landings. At air force pilots' schools or when servicing a PO-2 aircraft, these mechanics received only 5 lei per landing and were paid only after completing 80 landings; this pay was taxable.

19.

In addition to the above-mentioned pay, officers and NCOs received a so-called "birth aid" (ajutor de nastere) which was given at the birth of each child and which amounted to 400 lei. Until a child was nine months' old, aid, called "alaptarea", in the amount of 150 lei was given; this aid was not taxable while "birth aid" was taxable.

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Housing for Rumanian Air Force Personnel:

20. [redacted] housing for air force personnel, both officers and NCOs, was not available; therefore, single and married persons lived in rented rooms or in their own houses in town. Bases which did have available housing were the airfields at Kogalniceanu (formerly Ferdinand I -- N 44-22, E 28-27), Ianca-Sat (N 45-08, E 27-27), Silistea-Gumesti (N 44-23, E 25-02), Timisoara, and Caransebes (N 45-25, E 22-14). In the region of Constanta, from 150 to 200 lei per month was paid for a furnished room; married persons paid between 200 and 250 lei per month for two furnished rooms. Very few of these persons owned their own homes. From time to time, personnel who had been on a waiting list for a long time, some times several years, broke open the seals on vacant government-supervised apartments and moved in at night.

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[redacted] no action was taken by the authorities against these persons because all were members of the armed forces.

PX for Rumanian Armed Forces in Constanta:

1. On Republic Boulevard (Bulevardul Republicii) in Constanta, there was a military store called the Ministry of Armed Forces' store (Magazinul M.F.A.). This store was for the use of the Rumanian Army, Navy, and Air Force personnel and their dependents. Prices were the same as those in civilian stores but the buyers did not have to stand in line for each purchase as did civilians. When entering the store, persons not in uniform had to show their entry permit (permis) at the door to a sentry in naval uniform. Articles which were rationed were: oil, butter, and sugar; clothing materials were rationed until April 1955 but after that time, individuals could purchase all the clothing they wanted.

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Punishments in the Rumanian Air Force:

2. Following are the eight punishments used in the Rumanian Air Force:
- Reprimand (mustrarea) which could be administered by any NCO, officer, or group CO.
  - A base restriction (oprirea iesirii din gazarma) up to one month could be administered by superiors from a platoon company.
  - Extended duty hours (serviciul peste rand) could be given up to five times but guard duty could not be extended.
  - Simple arrest (arest simplu) up to 15 days could be imposed by the company CO.
  - Severe arrest (arest sever) consisted of being placed in a stockade up to 20 days with only bread, salt, and water. Superiors from battalion CO and above could give this punishment.
  - Demotion of duty (retrogradare din functie) could be given EM by the Battalion CO and above.
  - Demotion of rank (retrogradare din grad) could be made by a regimental CO or higher rank.

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- h. An individual could be put in the reserves without rank (scoaterea in rezerva fara grad) only by a military court.

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[redacted] the case of Lieutenants [redacted] who were dismissed from active duty for insubordination and drunkenness and put in the reserves with the rank of private; Maj. [redacted] was dismissed from active duty and put in the reserves with the rank of private for black marketeering; [redacted] was president of the Voluntary Association for Aid and Defense of the Motherland (AVSAP) in Constanta [redacted]

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